Checklist for Curriculum Proposals

_x_. 1. Are all signatures on the hard copy of the proposal?

_x_. 2. Is the effective date correct?

_x_. 3. Is the rationale for the proposal consistent with the changes proposed?

_x_. 4. Does the proposed number of credits match the stated number?

_x_. 5. Have affected units been identified and contacted? Are required support letters attached?

___ 6. Is a resolution necessary? If so, is it attached?

(Necessary for: establishing a major; disestablishing a major; a name change to any program with permanent status; a name change to a department or college; a transfer or creation of any department; request for permanent status).

_x_. 7. Are all courses (required or referenced) in the UDSIS Inventory or in the approval process?

_x_. 8. Are all university requirements correctly specified?
   _x_. A. Breadth requirements.
   _x_. B. Multicultural requirement.
   _x_. C. Writing requirement.
   _x_. D. DLE requirement.

_x_. 9. Are all college requirements correctly specified?

_x_. 9. Is a side-by-side comparison provided?
UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: ___Professor Gretchen Bauer, Chair______phone number___831-2357_____

Department: ___Political Science and International Relations_email address_gbauer@udel.edu___

Date: ___10-26-12______________________________

Action: ___Revise American Politics Concentration in Political Science Major____________________

(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term: ___13F________________________

(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree: ___BA________________________

(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: ___BA____________________

(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: ___NA________________________

Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: ___Political Science – American Politics

Concentration___________________________

(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor:

(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change:

(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study:

(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: ______________________________

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the
**overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations?**
(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter “None”)

The following courses are new in the sense that they will be receiving permanent course numbers. Most of these courses have been offered before as topics courses or under other course numbers. Only POSC 457 is a new course. None of the courses are required—they are on a menu of courses from which students may choose. Each course includes content that is directly related to the concentration topic of American politics.

POSC 317 Gender and Politics  
POSC 457 The Scientific Study of Politics  
POSC 461 Topics in Gender and Politics  
POSC 473 Gender, Sex and Law  
POSC 469 Democratic Theory  
POSC 471 Polling Research and Analysis

**Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education:** [http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/](http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/)

The revision does not affect how the major/concentration supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education.

**Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:**
(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter “None”)

No other unit will be affected by this revision.

**Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):**
(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

We are proposing to revise the requirement that students complete 18 credits across two categories of Institutions and Processes and Issues and Policies. We will instead require that students complete 18 credits from a single menu of courses. This menu will consist of the same courses under the old system of categorization. The rationale for the revision is that there will be greater flexibility in course scheduling for the department and for students and allow for consistency across all concentrations in the Political Science major. The revision also accounts for the deletion of some courses from our course inventory, the addition of others and adding POSC 466 (Independent Study) as an option for major credit similar to how we treat POSC 464 (Internship) and POSC 468 (Research).

**Program Requirements:**
(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and include a side-by-side comparison of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)
DEGREE: BACHELOR OF ARTS  
MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE

CURRICULUM                                 CREDITS

University and College requirements.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
Core Courses for the Major:
- **POSC 150** Introduction to American Politics  3
- **POSC 240** Introduction to Global Politics  3
- **POSC 300** Research Methods for Political Science  3

One of the following courses:
- **POSC 220** Introduction to Public Policy  3
- **POSC 270** Comparative Politics
- **POSC 285** Introduction to Political Theory

Students must choose one of the following options:

Option One: Major Without Concentration

Eighteen credits distributed as follows:  18
- nine credits from courses at the 400-level; nine credits from courses at the 300- or 400-level. [Note: three (3) credit hours of either **POSC 464** or **POSC 468** may count once towards completion of the required 18 hours of upper division coursework.]
A student must take at least one course numbered at the 300- or 400-level in three of the four fields listed below: (Detailed description of courses available from department office.)
American Politics
Comparative Politics
International Relations
Political Theory

Option Two: Major With Concentration
Students may choose from among three concentrations: (1) American Politics, (2) Global Studies, (3) Public Law.

American Politics Concentration
Six courses (18 credits) from the following two fields, with at least three courses taken in each field and at least three courses taken at the 400-level.

Institutions and Processes
POS C 301 State and Local Government
POS C 303 Introduction to Public Administration
POS C 320 Parties and Interest Groups
POS C 324 Voting and Elections
POS C 340 Politics and Media
POS C 355 Urban Politics
POS C 404 Judicial Process
POS C 405 Constitutional Law of the United States
POS C 407 American Presidency
POS C 423 Congress
POS C 447 National Agenda

American Politics
Comparative Politics
International Relations
Political Theory

Option Two: Major With Concentration
Students may choose from among four concentrations: (1) American Politics, (2) Global Studies, (3) Law, Politics and Theory (4) Politics, Groups and Identities.

American Politics Concentration
Six courses (18 credits) from the following list of courses, with at least three courses taken at the 400-level.

POS C 301 State and Local Government
POS C 313 American Foreign Policy
POS C 317 Gender and Politics
POS C 318 Public Opinion
POS C 320 Parties and Interest Groups
POS C 322 Race and Politics
POS C 324 Voting and Elections
POS C 340 Politics and Media
POS C 350 Politics and the Environment
POS C 355 Urban Politics
POS C 361 Feminist Political Theory
POS C 387 American Political Thought
POS C 401 Topics in Law and Politics*
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POSC 464       Internship in Political Science and International Relations
or
POSC 468       Undergraduate Research

*May be taken twice when topics differ

ELECTIVES
After required courses are completed, sufficient elective credits must be taken to meet the minimum credit requirement for the degree.

CREDITS TO TOTAL A MINIMUM OF 124

Three (3) credit hours of POSC 464 (approved Internship), 466 (Independent Study), or 468 (Undergraduate Research) may count once towards completion of the required 18 hours of upper division coursework. POSC 464 and POSC 468 fulfill the DLE requirement.

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